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Gentlemen:

I would encourage you to bring the Microsoft Anti-Trust suit to a rapid conclusion. It's gone on long enough and the effect on the consumer (which I realize is irrelevant) will be negative in the long run. I am a professional software developer and I use Microsoft as well as many other vendor's products every day.

Frankly, I'm happy to have a Microsoft around - without them (i.e., a single OS source) we would not have a commercially viable desktop computer, especially for home use. Unix (and all its variants such as Linux) will never be an alternative to a Windows OS, not because of MS business practice but because of the product itself. As a professional, I use Unix everyday - I prefer to work in a Windows environment simply because there are so many more tools available for Windows (which seems to me flies in the face of the judge's decision). And as far as the browsers are concerned, the Internet Explorer browser is far superior to any other browser available. I have several variants of the Netscape browser installed "just in case" but I hardly ever use them - usually because they simply don't work! If Netscape had a problem with Microsoft, it was because they had an inferior product - no lawsuit is going to change that fact. I'm glad Microsoft chooses to bundle it with all their OS products - it saves me the trouble of downloading it.

Please bring this case to a swift conclusion. We as a society have gained nothing from either the case itself or its outcome. And there is nothing further to be gained by dragging this out.

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